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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable J. Paul Oetken United States District Judge Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Darrell Lawrence et al., S2 19 Cr. 761 (JPO)

Dear Judge Oetken,

The Government respectfully writes to inform the Court that on Thursday, June 25, 2020, a grand jury returned superseding indictment in this case S2 19 Cr. 761 (JPO) (the "Superseding Indictment"). The Superseding Indictment adds four additional counts for defendants Derrick Casado and Carlos Rosario (Counts Fourteen through Seventeen) and adds defendant Juan Tejeda to the racketeering conspiracy count (Count One). As previewed for the Court, the new counts for Casado and Rosario are in connection with an October 5, 2019 robbery in Manhattan, during which Rosario shot and killed a victim. As stated in the Government's letter dated June 20, 2020, discovery relating to this incident was produced to the coordinating discovery attorney on or about March 4, 2020.

A status conference is scheduled in this matter for September 8, 2020. In light of the logistical challenges associated with conducting a 14-defendant arraignment during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government—with the consent of all of the defendants—respectfully requests that the arraignment on the Superseding Indictment be conducted at the September 8, 2020 conference.

The Government also respectfully requests that time under the Speedy Trial Act be excluded between today's date and September 8, 2020 with respect to the charges in the Superseding Indictment. An exclusion of time pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7) is in the interests of justice because it will allow additional time for defense counsel to further review the

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discovery, consider any motions to be filed, confer with their clients, and continue ongoing plea negotiations. All defense counsel consent to this request as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All counsel of record (by ECF)

Granted. On consent of all parties, arraignment on the superseding indictment S2 will be conducted at the conference previously scheduled for September 8, 2020. The Court excludes time through September 8, 2020, under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C § 3161(h)(7)(A), finding that the ends of justice outweigh the interests of the public and each of the defendants in a speedy trial.

So Ordered.

Dated: June 29, 2020

J. PAUL OETKEN United States District Judge